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Intelligence Community Staff

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Mr. William G. Miller, Staff Director
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Bill:

Reference is your letter of 15 February (R#6518) requesting a briefing for Ted Ralston on an evaluation we are doing on the recent competitive analysis project.

Ted spoke with me about this at the hearing last week; and I had already checked with the officers who are involved in the project--who advised me the writing phase had slipped, and they are not yet ready for the kind of discussion Ted would like.

You should be aware that our evaluation is not as much concerned with the pros and cons of the competitive evaluation itself as with the future implications of this kind of an approach to the estimating process.

I will be in touch with Ted when the effort has progressed to the point that participants consider they have something on which they could brief.

Sincerely,



Special Assistant to the
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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Dick - This is Jack's response. It should have been checked with us but apparently no harm done. They will coordinate in future.

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Late Preview of Proposed Presidential Remarks
on NSC Meeting on Intelligence
13 January 1977

According to Sam Hoskinson, the President has been given opening remarks for the National Security Council meeting that are more or less as follows:

- He will ask the DCI to present introductory comments on the experience of the Community with the Executive Order and to report on findings of the recent review of national intelligence done for the National Security Council.

- In connection with the latter, the President will invite the DCI to discuss the findings of the latest NIE on Soviet strategic forces and the "B" Team exercise.

The President has been presented three more specific questions to place before the entire National Security Council:

1. Has the Intelligence Community consistently misperceived and underestimated the motives driving Soviet military programs?

2. Is the concept of competitive estimating by outsiders useful or too risky in the light of political controversy it may generate?

3. As the primary and most senior consumers of national intelligence product, what changes in the intelligence product and/or process might they recommend?

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MEMORANDUM FOR: George Cary
Legislative Counsel

FROM:
Executive Officer, DCI/NI

SUBJECT: Granting Access by Messrs. Pipes, Nitze, and Graham
to the SSCI A Team-B Team Report

Mr. Bowie's reaction upon reading Senator Inouye's letter to Admiral Turner was that we might suggest to the committee that the problem of allowing these three men access to this particular classified document might be eased by an offer to grant them instead access to the unclassified version which is the document, after all, that will be in the public domain and the one that will affect their reputations.

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